



Graduate School

School Psychology

Educational Specialist



Practice and Experiential Learning

Help children succeed academically, socially and emotionally as a school psychologist. You'll work with students, educators, parents and other mental health professionals in extensive practicum and field experiences. You'll also work closely with top psychology and education faculty, gaining diverse experiences and perspectives, at Colorado's primary institution for teacher education. The results speak

for themselves; UNC's School Psychology graduates have enjoyed a 100 percent employment rate over the last 20 years. One of only two such programs in Colorado approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), our Educational Specialist degree makes it easier for you to get your National Certification in School Psychology (NCSP) credential. Training focuses on skills necessary to lead in an educational environment.

Career Pathway

Our program prepares graduates to provide evidence-based and culturally competent school psychological services in educational environments. Graduates are prepared to work with children aged birth-21, as well as families and educational professionals to promote students' academic, behavioral and social-emotional functioning.

Degree Options

Applied Behavior Analysis Emphasis

The optional ABA emphasis in the Ed.S. program integrates a Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (BACB®)-approved sequence. The Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) emphasis is designed for students who wish to become school psychologist practitioners with specialized knowledge and skills in applied behavior analysis. The emphasis satisfies the coursework requirements for BCBA Certification.

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery: Classes start Fall semester
- Credits Required: 71
- Time to completion: Three years

Related Programs

- School Psychology Ph.D.
- School Counseling M.A.
- Counseling Psychology Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees.

Extended Campus: \$618 per credit hour.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Students Say

“The School Psychology Ed.S. program at UNC provided me with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to succeed as a school psychologist in the field. Now, I get to spend my days improving the lives of children and families. I am very grateful for my UNC education and the professors who mentored and supported me throughout my time in the program.”

Shiho C. Ushijima, School Psychology Ed.S., Class of 2017

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Several competitive graduate assistantships are offered
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

Faculty Spotlight

David Hulac, Ph.D.

David Hulac, Ph.D. is an associate professor of school psychology. He has over 20 years' experience as a teacher, school psychologist and professor. He is currently the past president of the Trainers of School Psychology, the winner of the 2012 Belbas-Larson Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of South Dakota and the Outstanding Scholar Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at UNC. He has multiple publications in the area of Response to Intervention for Behavior and Academics and is the author of the books, *Behavioral Interventions in Schools: A Response to Intervention Guidebook* and *Evidence-Based Strategies for Effective Classroom Management*.

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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